

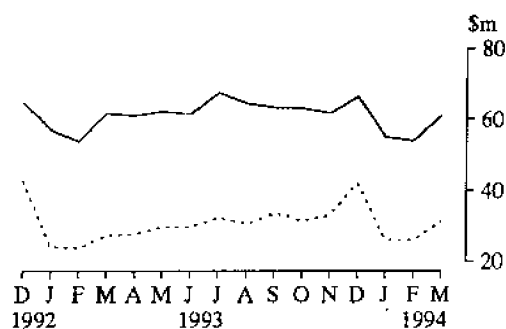
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## NORTHERN TERRITORY BUSINESS INDICATORS, MAY 1994

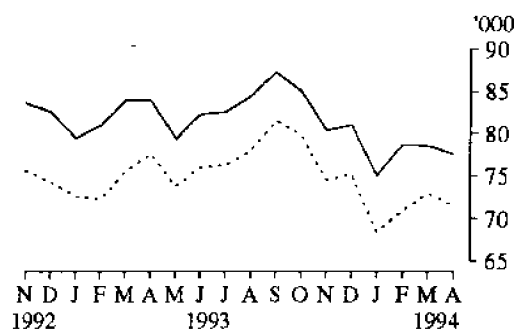
### NORTHERN TERRITORY SUMMARY OF RESULTS

#### TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS



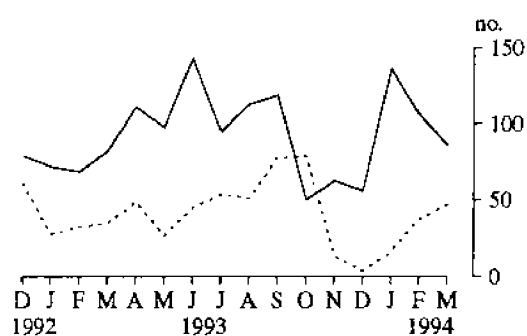
— Food and liquor stores, clubs  
 ..... All others

#### LABOUR FORCE



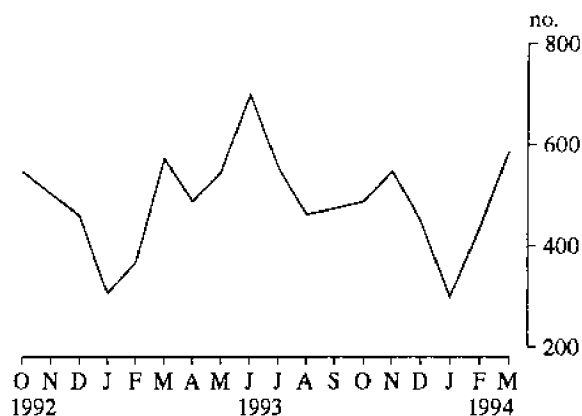
— Total labour force  
 ..... Employed persons

#### NEW DWELLING UNITS APPROVED



— Houses  
 ..... Other dwellings

#### NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS



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Northern Territory						Australia		
Indicator	Unit	Latest period	Latest figure	Change from previous period (%)	Change from same period previous year (%)	Latest figure	Change from previous period (%)	Change from same period previous year (%)
<b>LABOUR FORCE</b>								
Employed	'000	Apr 94	71.5	-2.1	-7.9	7 835.5	-	3.1
Unemployed	'000	Apr 94	6.0	7.1	-4.8	883.2	-7.0	-4.2
Unemployment rate (a)	%	Apr 94	7.7	0.5	0.1	10.1	-0.7	-0.7
Participation rate (a)	%	Apr 94	64.4	-0.9	-6.1	62.7	-0.6	0.7
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS</b>								
Males	\$	Mar qtr 94	643.60	-3.1	-1.0	625.60	1.1	2.4
Females	\$	Mar qtr 94	440.00	0.6	0.2	416.80	2.0	1.7
Total persons	\$	Mar qtr 94	549.50	-1.6	0.2	529.00	1.4	2.1
<b>RETAIL TURNOVER</b>								
Food and liquor stores, clubs	\$m	Mar 94	61.0	13.0	-1.0	4 950.9	13.5	10.4
All other stores	\$m	Mar 94	31.4	21.2	14.6	3 662.3	17.2	9.7
Total	\$m	Mar 94	92.3	15.4	3.8	8 613.2	15.0	10.1
<b>PRICES</b>								
Consumer Price Index								
Food (1989-90=100.0)		Mar qtr 94	112.6	-	1.8	109.8	0.3	0.7
Housing (1989-90=100.0)		Mar qtr 94	103.6	0.6	-0.2	93.7	0.1	-0.7
Transport (1989-90=100.0)		Mar qtr 94	111.3	-1.9	0.6	113.2	-0.3	1.7
All groups (1989-90 = 100.0)		Mar qtr 94	111.4	0.3	1.5	110.4	0.4	1.4
Average Retail Prices								
Beer, draught, 285ml glass	cents	Mar qtr 94	200	0.5	3.6	166	0.6	4.4
Bread, white, 680g	cents	Mar qtr 94	168	-	1.8	150	-1.3	-
Milk, carton, 1 litre	cents	Mar qtr 94	94	-	-	102	-	3.0
Petrol, leaded, 1 litre	cents	Mar qtr 94	70.6	-5.9	-3.4	67.4	-3.8	-2.5
Steak, rump, 1 kg	cents	Mar qtr 94	1 234	0.2	8.5	1 136	2.1	6.4
<b>INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES</b> no. of days lost								
IN PROGRESS	per '000 employees	Year ended Jan 94	37	-	-22.9	108	-	-31.6
<b>BUILDING</b>								
Approvals								
New houses	no.	Mar 94	86	-18.9	4.9	11 983	21.7	3.8
Other residential	no.	Mar 94	47	23.7	34.3	4 529	12.2	7.3
Total new residential building	\$m	Mar 94	10.4	-25.7	-3.4	1 463.1	23.9	14.9
Total non-residential building	\$m	Mar 94	25.9	492.2	256.2	596.7	-23.6	-8.5
Value of all building approved	\$m	Mar 94	38.2	91.5	97.5	2 263.1	6.0	7.0
Commencements - New Houses	no.	Dec qtr 93	263	-18.6	32.2	31 703	-3.0	3.6
Value of total work done during period (d)	\$m	Dec qtr 93	85.3	13.3	42.9	6 709.5	3.7	3.9
<b>HOUSING FINANCE</b>								
Secured commitments to individuals								
For construction of dwellings	\$m	Mar 94	6.4	14.3	18.5	863.9	21.3	31.8
For purchase of new dwellings	\$m	Mar 94	1.6	-40.7	-5.9	255.1	9.7	54.4
For purchase of established dwellings (b)	\$m	Mar 94	27.3	18.2	21.9	3 312.1	19.8	38.7
<b>PRODUCTION</b>								
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu. m	Feb 94	7	-12.5	16.7	1 202	23.7	4.4
<b>NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS</b>								
Motor vehicles	no.	Mar 94	586	35.0	2.6	52 687	14.7	2.1
Motor cycles	no.	Feb 94	37	146.7	23.3	1 613	8.9	0.2
<b>OVERSEAS TRADE</b>								
Imports	\$m	Mar 94	18.2	-36.1	-36.0	5 855.0	32.9	5.2
Exports (c)	\$m	Mar 94	93.0	17.5	64.2	5 241.2	14.3	8.4
<b>TOURIST ACCOMMODATION</b>								
Hotels, Motels & Guest Houses								
Room occupancy rates (a)	%	Dec qtr 93	50.9	-16.5	4.9	55.5	1.0	3.7
Bed occupancy rate (a)	%	Dec qtr 93	29.5	-11.7	2.3	34.2	0.7	2.2
Takings from accommodation	\$m	Dec qtr 93	19 496	-26.6	14.3	709 542	5.6	10.0
<b>POPULATION</b>								
Total	'000	Sep qtr 93	169.1	0.5	0.9	17 712.7	0.3	1.1

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(d) includes Residential and Non-residential Building.

